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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) REED PATTEIN (3)

(2) MARK RUDYKESK (4)

Date of Interview 2/21/03

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☐ Televideo Conference ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, brief description:

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 3, 4, 7-10

Identification of prior art discussed: ALL ART APPLIED

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: We discussed

the differences in the processes of the application vs. those in US '76 and US '83. The applicant proposed the change in language of the method claims to "insertion, eventually, if" and showed the differences in the product and how the steps the product by process claims are claimed appropriately for the claims of process.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has been ready been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an attachment to another form.

[Signature] 2/21/03

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Section 713.04 Substance of Interview must Be Made of Record

Except as otherwise provided, a complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application, whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

§1.133 Interviews

(b) In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111 and 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

§ 1.2. Business to be transacted in writing. All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete a two-sheet carbon interleaf Interview Summary Form for each interview held after January 1, 1978 where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks in neat handwritten form using a ball point pen. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, or resulting in an examiner's amendment that fully sets forth the agreement are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate paper number, placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" list on the file wrapper. In a personal interview, the duplicate copy of the Form is removed and given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephonic interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number of the application
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (personal or telephonic)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the claims discussed
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). (Agreements as to allowability are tentative and do not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.)
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview
- Names of other Patent and Trademark Office personnel present.

The Form also contains a statement reminding the applicant of his responsibility to record the substance of the interview.

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his obligation to record the substance of the interview in each case unless both applicant and examiner agree that the examiner will record same. Where the examiner agrees to record the substance of the interview, or when it is adequately recorded on the Form or in an attachment to the Form, the examiner should check a box at the bottom of the Form informing the applicant that he need not supplement the Form by submitting a separate record of the substance of the interview.

It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview:

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner. The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner,
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete or accurate, the examiner will give the applicant one month from the date of the notifying letter to complete the reply and thereby avoid abandonment of the application (37 CFR 1.135(c)).

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

Applicant's summary of what took place at the interview should be carefully checked to determine the accuracy of any argument or statement attributed to the examiner during the interview. If there is an inaccuracy and it bears directly on the question of patentability, it should be pointed out in the next Office letter. If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth his or her version of the statement attributed to him. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication "Interview record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Manganese dioxide for lithium primary batteries which is obtained by soda neutralization and heat treatment of electrolytic manganese dioxide and has a sodium content of 0.05 to 0.2% by weight.
- 5 2. Manganese dioxide for lithium primary batteries according to claim 1, which has a phosphorus content of 0.05 to 2.0% by weight.
3. A process for producing manganese dioxide with a sodium content of 0.05 to 0.2% by weight for lithium primary batteries comprising the steps of neutralizing electrolytic manganese dioxide with an aqueous solution containing 2.0 to 5.0 g of sodium hydroxide per
10 kg of manganese dioxide and then heating the neutralized manganese dioxide.
4. The process for producing manganese dioxide for lithium primary batteries according to claim 3, wherein said electrolytic manganese dioxide has a phosphorus content of 0.05 to 2.0% by weight.
5. A lithium primary battery comprising the manganese dioxide according to claim 1 or 2
15 as a cathode active material.

6. Same as 5 or 2

Cancel claims 1, 2, 5 and 6.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroshi SUMIDA et al.

Confirmation No. 1396

Serial No. 09/752,781

GROUP 1745

Filed January 3, 2001

Examiner M. Ruthkosky

MANGANESE DIOXIDE FOR
LITHIUM PRIMARY BATTERY
AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of June 6, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 3 as follows:

--3. (amended) A process for producing manganese dioxide with a sodium content of 0.05 to 0.2% by weight for lithium primary batteries, the process consisting essentially of the steps of neutralizing electrolytic manganese dioxide with an aqueous solution containing 2.0 to 5.0g of sodium hydroxide per kg of manganese dioxide and then heating the neutralized manganese dioxide to produce manganese dioxide having a sodium content of 0.05 to 0.2% by weight.--

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Hiroshi SUMIDA et al.

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

MANGANESE DIOXIDE FOR LITHIUM
PRIMARY BATTERY AND PROCESS
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified applica-
tion as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5, line 1, cancel "or 2".

Add the following new claim:

--6. A lithium primary battery comprising the
manganese dioxide according to claim 2 as a cathode active
material.

Respectfully submitted,

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Add the following new claims 7-10.

--7. Manganese dioxide having a sodium content of 0.05 to 0.2% by weight produced by the process of claim 3.

--8. Manganese dioxide having a sodium content of 0.05 to 0.2% by weight and a phosphorus content of 0.05 to 2.0% by weight produced by the process of claim 4.

--9. A lithium primary battery comprising the manganese dioxide according to claim 7 as a cathode active material.

--10. A lithium primary battery comprising the manganese dioxide according to claim 8 as a cathode active material.--

REMARKS

The application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-10 are present in the application.

Claim 3 has been amended.

New claims 7-10 have been added.

Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by CAPPARELLA et al. 5,698,176. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by